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Open Secrets data on health sector contributions

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Hi Dee,

Appreciate you taking my call. Here's where you can see more granular breakdown: <https://www.opensecrets.org/races/industries?cycle=2022&id=WIS2&spec=N>

So you'll see that for the Barnes campaign, \$191,753 comes from hospitals and nursing homes, while \$326,184 comes from health care professionals, for a total of \$517,937 in contributions from these two groups. Since the total contributions to Barnes from the health sector is \$822,594, contributions from pharmaceutical and health product companies can't make up the majority of contributions, as this line [from the story](#) implies:

- "So far in the 2021–22 election cycle, the health sector — in which pharmaceutical and health product companies contribute the largest amount of money — contributed \$627,451 to Johnson and \$822,594 to his Democratic challenger Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes."

Let me know what you think -- thanks!

Best,
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Thanks for this. Wondering if "health professionals" would include pharmaceutical officials? Not sure how they would be classified.

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It includes a [wide range of occupations](#), including physicians, psychiatrists, pharmacists and nutritionists. But given the inability to further break the information down, I still don't think there is enough evidence to warrant the language in the story that currently implies that pharmaceutical companies and health product companies make up the majority of health sector donations to both candidates.

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